

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Deb Falk-Palec, Chairperson  
Tim Ochnikowski, Director  
February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### MINUTES

St. John's Properties  
1800 N. Prospect Ave  
1:00 PM

#### ITEM I CALL TO ORDER

Chair Falk-Palec called the February meeting of the Commission for Persons with Disabilities to order at 1:00pm.

#### ITEM II ROLL CALL

Chair Falk-Palec led the self-introductions of everyone in attendance.

Commissioners Present: Deb Falk-Palec, Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr., Cheri McGrath, Marcia Perkins, Kathy Zalewski,

Commissioners Absent or Excused: Luis Arroyo, John Haupt, Tom Jacobs, Denise Koss, Barbara Leigh, Sue Pickering, Meg Steimle, Andrzej Walz-Chojnacki

Staff: Tim Ochnikowski (via telephone)

Guests: Ken Woodall – MTS

#### ITEM III APPROVAL OF MINUTES (January)

No quorum.

#### ITEM IV SPECIAL REPORT

#### ITEM V TRANSIT PLUS REPORT

Mr. Woodall indicated that they are in the process of hiring a travel trainer, to replace the services that were provided by Ms. Chase, formerly of the Office for Persons with Disabilities. The GO Pass and New Freedom programs activities and numbers were highlighted.

#### ITEM VI COMMITTEE UPDATES

On March 11 there will be a Milwaukee County Executive Candidate's Forum at Independence First. The forum will deal with aging and disability issues.

#### ITEM VII REVIEW OFFICE REPORT (January)

The bids came in for the WOW Underwood renovation project and they were much higher than estimated and anticipated. The Office will be working with Administration to see if more money can be dedicated to this project. The Snowmobile Fest was held, despite the lack of snow, and a good time was had by all.

Chair Falk-Palec indicated that DVR clients might be able to get some experience doing some 'temporary' work for the Office with the clients being paid by DVR, if the Office is interested. Mr. Ochnikowski indicated that the person would need to commit to a consistent attendance over a period of time in order for the Office to train a person to complete some tasks. The opportunity will be pursued to see if some help might come to the Office as well as the DVR client.

#### ITEM VIII COMMISSION DISCUSSION

The Bike Share Program Committee will be asked to meet again soon and address the program expansion scheduled in 2016.

The revised transit savings letter to the editor needs to go out. The office will send it out as well as use its Twitter account to highlight the tax dollar savings from persons using mainline transit versus paratransit. The Office can put the information on social media fast and often.

**ITEM IX        OTHER MATTERS BY COMMISSIONERS****ITEM X        OTHER MATTERS BY THE PUBLIC****ITEM XI        ADJOURN**

Chair Falk-Palec adjourned the meeting at 2:10pm. The next meeting of the Commission will be Monday, March 14, 2016 at 1:00pm at St. John's Properties (1800 N. Prospect Ave, Milwaukee). Prior to the full commission meeting there will be a Bike Share Program Committee meeting starting at 12pm.

Submitted by: Chair Deb Falk Palec & Tim Ochnikowski, Staff to the Commission